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“THE LORD COMETH.”

BY MRS. H. ROSCOE EDGETT.

Star, O star, shine forth your fairest !
Penetrate all shades of earth !
Sing, O Bethlehem's choir of angels,
Chorus of Immanuel's birth !
Soul of mine, rise up, and welcome
This new dawn with thankful song :
Heathen lands, redeemed, are shouting,
“ Praise to God ! ” with heart and tongue.
Tell it, all ye stars of heaven !
Write it, mightiest angel pen !
Wide, ye whispering wires, repeat it —
“ Tidings of good-will to men ! ”
Prophecy's sublimest utt'rance
Is fulfilled ; praise soars with prayer,
For the sound of falling fetters
Maketh music everywhere.

Shut, fore'er, old Janus' portal,
 Like the folded hands of peace!
 Hush Greed's clamor; still, Wrath's tumult
 Bid War's horrors find surcease!
 Listen, watchful of the tokens;
 See the nations wake, and wait—
 Wait, to see the full salvation
 Of a race regenerate.
 Lift, ye gates of gospel progress!
 Free these pagan souls from sin:
 Usher, now, Time's grandest cycle;
 Let the conquering Saviour in!
 King of Glory—maranatha!
 Heaven's own light around us pours!
 Lift your heads, ye gates be lifted
 Up, ye everlasting doors!

FAIRPORT, Dec. 5, 1885.

MICRONESIA.

EXTRACTS FROM MRS. LOGAN'S JOURNAL.*

ANAPANO, RUK, Nov. 14, 1884.

DEAR FRIENDS AT HOME: It is four weeks to-day since the "Jennie Walker" left us. We have been living in our new house a little more than two weeks, and begin to feel quite at home. Not that we are at all settled, even yet, for we moved in when there were only three rooms anywhere near completed. A few things were stolen while we were at the church, after the ship left us; so as soon as Mr. Logan had the doors and windows so they could be fastened, and the kitchen somewhat in shape, we moved in. The dining-room, the pantry, and the bedroom were painted. We unpacked the table and set it up, and some chairs (for hitherto we had had only one chair) and the bureaus, and we soon began to have a "homely" feeling.

The natives have been very kind, as well as very curious. The house and all our possessions are constant wonders to them; but they are learning not to crowd into every place, and that they cannot see everything. In our own house, there is more opportunity for teaching them a little of what they ought and ought not to do than there was in the church. For instance: Those who live near, and are much about us, have learned that it is not the thing to come and sit on our back veranda and stare at us when we are eating, while those who come from a distance do not hesitate for the most part to go anywhere, if we do not stop them.

In November, shortly before I began this letter, a terrible mur-

* See former journal in LIFE AND LIGHT for April and May.

der was committed by some people living on Fefan, at the very place where we came near settling. The people here call it fighting; but it was simply treachery, and cold-blooded murder. The chief, who was so anxious to have us come there, was engaged in it; so Mr. Logan thought he ought to go and see the old man, and rebuke him, and tell him how terrible it is to do such things. I do not think we either of us felt any particular fear, or had any thought that they would harm him. The natives carried him down to the shore, and quite a number went with him. He came home safely, but we were rather startled to learn, soon after, that he had a very narrow escape with his life. These people are so used to bloodshed, that human life seems of little account to them. They had planned to kill Mr. Logan, and all who were with him; but it seemed as though the Lord frustrated their plan by a very little thing. Some of the people in the canoe felt rather afraid, and proposed landing at another point rather than at the place they had intended. The chief of the place where they landed knew of the plan for the massacre, and had opposed it. He did not say anything about it, but would not let them go any farther; but proposed to send for the ones whom Mr. Logan wished to see, and did so. This so disconcerted their plans, that they did not undertake the premeditated deed. We could not fail to recognize God's hand, and have ever since realized more fully that his loving care is continually over us. I suppose there is no danger that those people will ever come here to attack us in our home, but we have heard several times that they plan to attack Mr. Logan, if they can find him out that way at any time. We trust that this state of things will not last.

March 9. A week ago we heard, one evening, the report that there was a ship in the lagoon. Next morning the report was confirmed; and we learned that it was at anchor two or three miles away. Mr. Logan went on board at once, and it proved to be the *Franziska*, a German trading-schooner from the Marshall Islands. She brought us letters from Kusaie and Ponape, and two from Honolulu, written, however, and sent, only a few days later than our sailing from there. Nothing from home; no American mail has come down from Honolulu this year yet. By some California papers we learn that Cleveland is President. This news reached us a day or two before his inauguration; so you see we are not so badly behind the times if we do live at the ends of the earth.

The vessel presently came to anchor near the mission home, and we were able to get from her a few little things which we were needing. It was a little break in the monotony of our lives. The captain of the vessel, who is also the owner, is anxious to work up

trade among these islands, and expects to return here from the Marshall Islands in two months or so; so there is a little more hope of communication with the outside world. We send by him a few letters home, as he will take them to Jaluij, where they may meet a vessel for Honolulu or San Francisco.

The vessel was at anchor here and there; and while at one place some of our natives came to us saying that the people there were making a plan to capture the vessel. It was the place where the vessel first came to anchor, and they said the people were angry that the ship went away anywhere else, and that was the reason of their making the attempt. We did not feel sure that it was anything more than a rumor, yet on the other hand we knew they were treacherous, and capable of such a thing. As one of our trusty men here has friends there, and was going up that way, Mr. Logan thought best to send a letter by him to the captain, telling him of the rumor. The man, whose name is Simeon, found the captain on shore, and gave him the letter as quietly as possible. But he was seen to do it. The captain got up anchor and came back down here, and poor Simeon was attacked, and a great gash cut on his neck. He came back bleeding dreadfully, and quite excited, as we all were when we saw him. Mr. Logan dressed the wound, and has attended to it each day since. He is doing well. And now comes the time of trial for those of our people who are trying to be Christians. According to custom, the people here ought to revenge this attack on Simeon. It is a hard lesson for some of them to learn, that if they would be followers of Christ they must return good for evil. Simeon himself says his heart is full of love, and he does not want them to injure the man in any way; but Levi, who is very high-spirited, and the leading man here in everything, finds it very hard not to let his anger run away with him. There is no church body formed here yet, so there are no church-members; but quite a number are trying to be Christians, and expect to be formed into a church before long.

March 17. The people are at work on the church, enlarging it, and fixing it so that it will last for awhile yet. It is a poor affair, but we are not yet ready to build a new one. Simeon, the wounded man, is doing well, though it will take some time yet for the wound to heal. The spirit of retaliation seems to have left our people, and everything is going on smoothly. The people of Iras, the place where Simeon was attacked, were in such expectation that something would be done by the people here in revenge, that they took their children out of school, and have also ceased coming to church; so to-day one of our chief men is going to see them, and tell them that Christian people do not do that way, and they will not be harmed, and we hope they will return to school.

We are having a much-needed rainy time, and our melons, squashes, etc., which we planted some weeks ago, are looking finely. We have luxuriated on breadfruit for the past two months, which, with our nice butter, is very good indeed. I make enough butter for our own use all the time—a luxury we never before enjoyed in Micronesia. It is almost too luxurious for missionaries to live in a nice new house, and have all the milk, cream, and butter, they want to use.

Mr. Logan has made a pulpit for the church, and the new addition looks quite well. They have also mended up the old part so that it will do very well. We have a pretty spread to cover the pulpit, and a nice Bible to lay upon it. The Bible and the bell were gifts of friends in Oakland, Cal. Mr. Logan has just got the bell hung. The people are so delighted with it, and so proud of it! The sound of a church-bell was never before heard in this lagoon. We enjoy it greatly, and think often of those who sent it. Beulah says, "Now we won't have to be blown to church any more,"—referring to the blowing of the conch-shell, which is the common way of calling the people together.

To be continued.

TAXATION IN TURKEY.

The following extracts from a letter from Miss Powers give a vivid idea of the oppression of the people of Turkey through the excessive taxation of the Government.

. . . WHAT can we expect of a people so cruelly and so constantly oppressed? This is a dreary subject, and an endless one, but I must mention two or three instances. In some cases the Government proposed to put the tax-collecting into the hands of the villagers themselves; but they, fearing disagreement in regard to officers, requested the Government to appoint them; which it proceeded to do by farming out the taxes to a robber chief in the mountains, but who was so exorbitant in his demands that the people heartily wished to get rid of him.

In one village the collector came down upon one man for produce taxes requiring four liras (\$18), while the whole crop, injured by frost, was not worth one fourth of it. Being utterly unable to pay, he fled, and was in hiding some time. He crept out one Sabbath to hear Mr. Chambers preach, and it would have touched a hard heart to see him, sitting on the floor in his pitiful apology for clothes, weeping silently as he heard a portrayal of the Saviour's love and sufferings.

The head man of the village of Kazloo is a bitter Gregorian, and during the past winter found two opportunities for making

the authorities instruments of his hatred toward the Evangelicals, as the Jews used the Roman soldiers eighteen centuries ago. One Sabbath while we were at another village, a man and his wife came there from Kazloo, wounded and bleeding from the beating that had been given them by the order of the head man. He had taken malicious pleasure the previous day in declaring that he would make these Protestants break the Sabbath; so he waited till the dawn of the day of rest before ordering the titles of wheat taken to Pert, the Government headquarters of the district. The poor man was too frightened to refuse, as the *reis* had expected, merely begging for time to bring his sacks from the mill; but the *reis*, unable any longer to confine himself to any semblance of right, ordered the Turks to fall upon him, which they probably did with great cheerfulness, and upon his wife, also. Protests have again and again been lodged at Pert, but there is no probability of redress.

Some months since several holy sheiks — Mahdis on a small scale — came up from Bagdad, burning with pious zeal for God and against the impious Christians who dare to breathe the same air as believers. They made triumphal progress, and the faithful crowded about, kissing their hands and feet, and following them with utmost devotion. Guns and pistols multiplied surprisingly; swords and daggers grew wonderfully bright and keen. Turks began to throw out hints of calamity to the Christians. One said, "Ah, you will soon see such things as you never dreamed of!" Another, a Government official, declared it to be the duty of Moslems to rid the earth of these infidels. It was generally believed that a general massacre of the Christians was to take place. At this initial stage the governor at Erzroom got wind of it, and seized the sheiks and some of their followers, who were supposed to number some hundreds, at least; but after a few days' confinement they were released, each receiving nearly a dollar in cash, by way of remuneration for his inconvenience. They immediately disappeared, and the people believe they are secretly plotting mischief again.

The consequence of all this is, that every one is trying to get away, "Anywhere—anywhere out of Turkey." Russia and America are the countries to which all look longingly. The best men in some of our communities are straining every nerve to put the ocean between themselves and this weakly, vicious Government. Another effect is to lead even the best of them to cheat. In one village it was found that when the census was taken, which was supposed to be the basis for the war tax, the Protestants, as well as others, had made false returns (all the Gregorians in the region

had done so). The most reliable and devoted church-member has allowed the males of his family, sons and grandsons, to be given in for minors. When remonstrated with, he at length said he was financially bankrupt, and could not pay the \$5.75 extra which he believed a true return would necessitate. Mr. Chambers asked if he was willing to deny Christ for that. "Is it denying Christ?" he asked, slowly. "No; I am not willing to deny him. I will go and tell the truth, though I have to starve for it." He was urged to try to persuade others also, but declared it was of no use. The next day, however, it was ascertained that he who said "I go not," had gone, and to such purpose that the error had been rectified, and the stain wiped off the Protestant name.

The Khunnoos district is only two or three days, according to roads and weather, away from us, and we aim at visiting it twice a year. It is very difficult to get there, on account of snow. There is no wish on the people's part, and therefore no effort, to open the roads. When I was urging that the large boys of one village, for whom there was no teacher last autumn, could go to another three miles away, and that the idle oxen could be turned out to break out the road, a wide-awake, intelligent young man exclaimed, "But open roads are just what the villagers do not want. Fortunate the village which is snowed in all winter." This comes of their being so harassed by Turks, travelers, and officers, who quarter themselves and horses upon the people.

SCRAPS FOR OUR WORK-BASKET.

It is not so very long ago since the King of Uganda, Africa, to show some white visitors his skill in firearms, took some of his women to serve as targets! Now, two of Mtesa's daughters are members of the little Mission Church at Uganda, and spend a large portion of their time in religious instruction to others in the royal harem. This is one of the changes brought about by the gospel.

NOTWITHSTANDING the many theories regarding mankind, there has not yet been found on the face of the earth a nation or tribe so degraded as to be beyond the reach of the gospel, or whose language is incapable of receiving a translation of the Word of God. — *Rev. George Hill.*

AN immense Buddhist temple which was destroyed by fire twenty years ago in Kioto. is now being rebuilt; no expense is to be spared, and the estimated cost is more than three million of dollars. According to the *Missionary News*, the timbers will be drawn to their places in the new building by ropes made of their

own hair, contributed by the women of Japan. More than a ton of those unique cables will be used for the purpose.

What will American girls do to provide a building that shall be a center of Christian influence,—a real and permanent benefit to women and girls in Japan?

Mrs. FLORA BEST HARRIS, in the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, writes as follows of the dreary comfort Buddhism gives a Japanese mother on the death of her child:—

“Buddhism sheds a light, it is true, over the baby's grave; but its somber revealings are worse than darkness. It tells her that the dead child has groped its weary way out into a strange region darkened by a dreary mountain, and threatened by a dreary river, on whose banks a horrible old crone waits to seize the souls of little children and send them—whither, think you? To a stony purgatory, where tired baby hands must toil, day after day, building great stone heaps with little fingers only meant for toys and tender caresses.

One of the most pathetic poems I ever read in the Japanese language voices the grief of a parent, a mother, I think, who laments that her little daughter must wander alone and unguided over the dark mountain which rises in the spirit world.

“How then shall my daughter,
My winsome, wee child,
Find her way through the shadows
So lonely and wild?”

Who will answer? Surely some one must send; some one must go to tell these mothers that the Good Shepherd's arms are strong, and that no evil hand can pluck the lost lamb from their clasp, as he bears it through the bridgeless river and over the dark mountains straight to the “upper fold.”

A way to pray for missionaries that has some force in it is suggested by the following: A person asked for a full list of the missionaries of a certain society, saying, “I like sometimes, when I can just then do no more, to lay my hand on the list and say, ‘Lord, all these thy servants and handmaids thou knowest; be with them, and make them a blessing where they are.’”

QUEEN MAKEA, of Raratonga, incensed at her police for permitting the increase of drunkenness, dismissed them all and appointed women of mature age in their place who were interested in the suppression of evil. They have shown such ability and energy in discovering frauds and in destroying smuggled brandy, that a decided reformation in the morals of her people has followed.

DURING my life in Persia I was once invited to pay a visit to the harem of the crown prince. As our party approached the palace, an order was given to "scare the men away." When told that we were not afraid of the men, the guards looked on in utter astonishment, to see what manner of creatures we were. Their employment was to stand on picket duty day and night outside the walls surrounding the women's apartments of the palace, or, as they pass through the streets, to herald their coming and "scare away the men."—*Mrs. L. Van Hook.*

Young People's Department.

LETTER FROM MISS WOODHULL.



FOOCHOW, CHINA, Aug. 11, 1885.

Y DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS:—I invite you to sit with me on the veranda of our mission-house while we talk of the Lord's work in this part of the great Chinese empire.

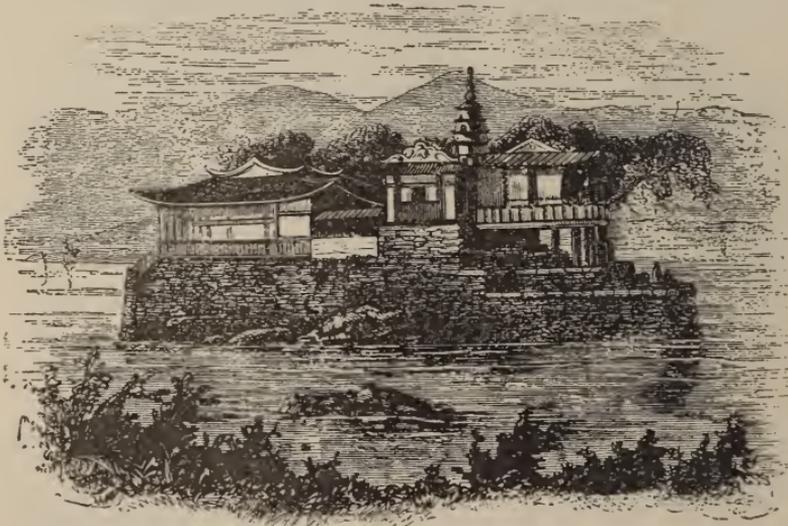
We are on a hill, but above us are other hills, and on these you can count six temples. In front you can see the white pagoda reaching its moss-covered head one hundred and thirty feet in the air. Then, if you go out in the yard, you can see other temples and the stone pagoda in another part of the city.

In these temples are numerous idols of brass, and stone, and wood, some most hideous to behold. The temple doors stand open, and we frequently go in to see the people at their strange worship. A few days ago we saw a company of women worshipping the female goddess. They each lighted bundles of perfumed tapers and placed them before the idol, and then performed various other ceremonies. We uplifted an earnest prayer that the Sun of Righteousness might arise in the hearts of these misguided women, and the light of the tapers go out as the stars of the night are lost in the blaze of day.

The worship of idols in China is obligatory; not only on individuals and families, but on the Emperor and all lower officials. No one can occupy a government position without becoming an idolator. He must go to the temples on certain days, or send some one to worship for him; so for an official to become a Christian is to lose his position.

Looking below us, you will see the black roofs of the Chinese houses, so crowded together that you will wonder where the streets can be; and if you should attempt to walk through the streets, you would find some of them so narrow that you would be obliged to lower your umbrella in order to pass through.

Far above this plane of roofs, far above the mission compound, and far above the turrets of the temple, rise the grand old mountains, and their beauty heathen rites cannot touch. They never seem twice just the same — sometimes almost shrouded in mist, their dim outline just visible like a jagged line against the sky; sometimes standing out in the clear light with such distinctness



TEMPLE ON THE RIVER MIN, NEAR FOCHOW.

that the eye delights to trace the form of each, with its varied features of light and shadows, of foliage and glistening water-stream. And in the early morning, when banks of black clouds fill in the great valley between house-roofs and mountain-top, it is a beautiful sight to see the sun rise above the highest peak, and his arrows of fire through the thick fog break up the clouds, and send them flying before him like a monster herd of frightened animals.

But I imagine you are counting the temples again, and are ready to ask, What have the missionaries been doing all these thirty-eight years, if there are still so many temples frequented by-devout idol-worshippers. To answer this question, I will take

you to the homes of some of our native Christians, where you will see Christian pictures and Bible verses ornamenting the wall, the floor swept, cleanliness and order reigning. You can go into the pastor's study, and see him, with his Chinese Bible and "helps for study," preparing to preach. If you stayed longer, you would see parents and children gather at the family altar, to offer the incense of prayer; and you would know that He who was wont to enter the home of Martha and Mary, had visited these homes also, and left behind him the beautiful traces of his footsteps.

Then I would like to take you to our mission chapel, where you would see a company of men, women, and children listening to the preacher, while he talks to them of the "Jesus doctrine." Among the children, you would see from fifteen to twenty little girls with bound feet. These belong to one of our day-schools. They come on Lord's-day, as well as other days—for all days are alike to them. The native teacher, who is an earnest Christian, brings them to church in the morning, and takes them to Sabbath-school in the afternoon. We hope the seeds of truth she is dropping in these young hearts will some day take root and grow, and that they will learn the folly of their heathen customs.

This little company of Christian worshipers does seem very small compared to the crowds of idolators; but they are following a Leader who is finally to triumph over the Prince of Darkness, and all his host. If you should visit this school of which I have spoken, you would be kindly invited to be seated, and one of the girls would bring you tea in tiny cups. After waiting awhile another little girl would bring you some small cakes. If any of the children were late, as they enter the room they would stop before the visitors, make a deep bow, shaking their own hands in Chinese fashion. The teacher would call out some one, who would repeat several pages, so rapidly that it would make you laugh. Another child would be sent to the board to draw a picture of the "Good Samaritan," or some other Bible scene. They would entertain you with a variety of recitations as long as you would stay. Their way of studying seems very strange to us.

The Chinese language has no alphabet, but each word has a different character. It is very difficult to remember so many. The children learn them by repeating them over and over, all studying aloud at the same time. When they get their voices pitched on a high key, they make a great noise. But the teacher learned in the same way, and does not seem to be annoyed by it.

The people have the greatest reverence for their language. They do not like to throw away paper on which the characters



CHINESE TEMPLE.

are written or printed. Baskets are hung on houses and street-walls, into which paper found in the streets can be placed. Furnaces, in shape like a house or pagoda, are built for burning this paper. It is considered a work of merit to collect printed paper and burn it in these furnaces. Chinese characters are styled "the eyes of the sage," and sometimes "the tracks or marks which the sages have left behind them." Those who do not show a respectful regard for lettered paper, are likened to a "blind buffalo;" and those who do not reverence the letter-characters in their life, will be likely to be born blind when they come into the world the next time. There are societies called "Lettered-paper Societies." They erect furnaces, and employ men to collect lettered paper from the streets and walls. The ashes of this paper are carefully preserved in earthen vessels until a large quantity is collected. They are then carried in procession, attended by the members of the society in their best apparel, through the principal streets to the banks of the river, where they are poured out into the water, and allowed to float down into the ocean. A band of musicians is hired to accompany the procession, and each member of the society carries a large stick of burning incense.

The Chinese have great memories and great patience. But they tell of one boy who, when he found how many characters there were to learn, was discouraged, and left school. When he got home he found his mother rubbing a crowbar on a grindstone. He asked her what she was doing; she replied, "Making a needle." He went back to school, and began to study with fresh courage. He thought if his mother could make a needle out of a crowbar, he could learn the Chinese characters.

The pronunciation is very difficult for foreigners, on account of the different tones and the aspirated sounds. Several characters may be represented by the same letters in English, each having a different meaning, according to its tone. We missionaries all have more or less trouble in giving the tones correctly. We have heard of one gentleman who had so such difficulty that he got down on his knees and looked unto his teacher's mouth, to see how he did it.

The peculiar language is only one of many obstacles to the spread of the gospel in China; but, in the face of all these, the truth is making sure, if slow, progress. There are earnest Christians here who will brave persecution and death rather than renounce the doctrine of salvation through Christ.

The field of work in China and other foreign lands is ever widening. The suffering of millions, so needy that they do not even feel their need, is calling loudly upon those who have the Light.



A HEATHEN CHINESE SCHOOL.

Can any one afford not to have a part in the great work that is to be done in the coming years?

But some one asks, How shall I know if I am doing my part? More and more it seems to me the answer to that question is, Do faithfully, cheerfully, joyfully the work to-day, believing with childlike faith that it is God-given work, and he will tell you when he wants you to do other work or go to other lands. Do not let the enemy of souls entice you to think you will be richer for withholding anything for Christ. He gave his life to purchase eternal life for you, and in his great battle against sin, he will gladly welcome every volunteer, and give to each a place in his army either at home or in foreign lands. The richest earthly treasure or the rarest personal gift can never yield their possessors so much pleasure as when they are laid, without reserve, at the Saviour's feet.

Praying that God may lead each one of you into the joy and freedom of fearless trust,

I am sincerely yours,

KATE C. WOODHULL.

Our Work at Home.

THE DEMANDS OF THE HOUR.

AGAIN we stand upon the threshold of another year. It seems but yesterday since we stood at its open door, in 1885, wondering what its days and months might bring to our Board; and now the door is closed behind us, we find ourselves face to face once more with the duties and responsibilities, the joys and privileges, of a new year. What is to come to us we do not know — whether we are to experience nothing new, nothing different from the years that are gone, a simple continuance in the well-worn, pleasant paths, or whether we shall be called to launch out on unknown, tempestuous seas. This we do know — that more untiringly, more earnestly, more prayerfully than ever before, we must press on to our goal; that this year must be a part of the grand onward movement for the propagandism of Christianity in the world. Though much has been achieved, an immense labor still remains to carry on the work of redemption to its completion. "The unfulfilled part of the task rests upon our age, as a most peculiar and sacred trust. That which came to us from over the seas, which came to England and Europe from Rome, which came to Rome from Jerusalem, and to Jerusalem from God in heaven,— that infinite blessing we are called to hand on to all the nations and

islands that know not God,—upon this unbroken current of Christian progress we, in common with other missionary societies, are embarked, with the deliberate purpose of preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ till every human soul has heard his message and yielded to his call.”

We have no new motives to present for the earnest pursuit of the work which lies before us, no new principles of action to propose; we have only the same all-powerful motive that has come to us through all the eighteen centuries—“The love of Christ constraineth us;” “If ye love me keep my commandments;” “Thereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.”

This is our broad, underlying principle; upon this we must build. By every consideration of love to God and man, by every feeling of humanity and gratitude for the innumerable blessings of our lives, by the unspeakable joy of being co-workers with Christ, and sharers in his ultimate triumph; we are called to use every means in our power, to strain our capabilities to their largest bounds, for the sublime work of bringing the world under the domain of our Lord.

It is impossible for us to grasp this great thought—the utmost stretch of our imagination cannot compass it; but what we can comprehend is our own small part in it. The definite, practical demands of the present hour are these: We need workers; the Secretary of the American Board calls for fifty single women to be put in the foreign field at once. We would be glad to find the fifty, but there is an absolute necessity for at least eighteen—not for any new work, nor for any special enlargement, but to make good the places of those who are falling by the way, to keep our schools and Bible-work in their present numbers, and to provide for their legitimate growth. We need these laborers in Central Africa, in Monastir, Mardin, Sivas, Aintab, Turkey; in Bombay, Ahmednagar and Dindigul, India; in Kalgan, Pao-ting-fu, China; in Spain, in Micronesia, and Japan. For this work we ask for the daughters in our churches; and we do it without hesitation, honestly feeling that we are offering an opportunity for a life of usefulness, of satisfaction, of real and abiding joy, seldom found in any other sphere of life, however extended. To parents, we wish to ask if it may not be a duty to relax the grasp upon their daughters that would cramp them into aimless lives, that shall belittle their souls both in this world and in another. We do not ignore the fact that there is much noble work to be done at home; but do we not find dozens of home workers in churches which have not one representative in the foreign field. There are connected with our Board

about eighteen hundred churches and we have ninety-three women in the field. Is it too much to ask for eighteen from the remaining seventeen hundred churches?

To those who must stay at home, we present the following: We are asked to support abroad, 98 missionaries, 98 Bible-women, 27 boarding-schools, and 182 day-schools. We are also asked to stretch out our habitations, to make a suitable abiding-place for those who are flocking to our boarding-schools, dispensaries, and hospitals — all of which makes an aggregate \$8,000 larger than ever before. We are asked for enlargement at Umzumbi and Inanda, South Africa; Smyrna, and Aintab, Central Turkey; Foochow and Tung-cho, China — amounting in all to upward of twenty thousand dollars. These requests are not for luxurious buildings, but for absolute necessities. In one case the girls lie so thick on the floor at night that there is no space to walk among them; in another, the rooms were so crowded as to aggravate, if not wholly cause, an epidemic, which so demoralized one of our schools it was suspended in the middle of the term, and the girls sent to their homes. The calls do not come to us till they are in the imperative; and how can we drag the chariot-wheels by failing to respond, or even by responding slowly? Should we not be the leaders in this work, pushing it on to the end — not laggards, to be dragged along by just at the front.

This is our part just now, dear friends — a part infinitely small of the grand scheme, and yet we present it with more or less fear and anxiety. We know the abundant resources at the command of the women of our churches; we know that our God stands ready to bless them, and supplement every effort; and yet all this is vain without the willing hearts. Shall we have the willing hearts? Our own grand missionary opportunity is passing with the flying years, dear friends. Soon another generation will take up the work, and our share shall be over; but much, oh, so much depends on our improving our present opportunity! We may retard its progress for years, or we may give it an impulse that years of future labor may not be able to accomplish. Let us glance at the situation for a moment.

A thousand million of people could receive the gospel if there were men and women enough to proclaim it. In some countries the leaven has been working long, and has silently penetrated far; in others it has but touched their outermost borders. "There is a tremendous upheaving going on throughout all India at the present time," writes a missionary, "as the result of multitudes of tracts scattered by the American Tract Society and similar agencies." "I feel that Hindooism is going to fall to pieces before

the Church of Christ is ready to seize the fragments of the ruins, and build up a temple of the Lord," says one, with reference to the outlook. Is this true? Already the missionaries are beginning to use the adjective, non-Christian, as applying to a class of educated men, intelligent, progressive, rapidly receiving Western ideas, standing between Hindooism and Christianity, having lost faith in the one, but not ready to accept the other. May we not regard these as the tidings from Eschol of old? and ought not the church of Christ to make greater effort to "go up at once and possess the land"? Islamism is rousing itself to oppose the progress of Christianity within its borders; using Christianity's own weapons — the school open for girls as well as boys, the better recognition of the position of women, and a general enlightenment unknown before; yet we are told that the patient, painstaking labors of missionaries with the generation now coming to the front in Turkey, has changed the thought and character of thousands, having more real effect on the Turkish Empire than all the efforts of the great powers for its political rectitude. The boys and girls of the present day are soon to have great power on the empire. Shall they be intelligent Christians, or bigoted Moslems? From Japan comes the appeal:—

"Oh, our dearly beloved Christian brethren and sisters! Let us have a few more years, and what shall become of our country? The present Japan is passing away — the evil customs and corrupt manners of the past — and turning out to be New Japan. It is just beginning to welcome the Western civilization and Christianity, its life. Here is an excellent opportunity, 'to be met once in a thousand years, and not to be expected again.' It is the day of salvation, the time of grace for our nation. If you kindly grant us a few years' more help, we hope to rejoice with you in the happy days of thanksgiving for our perfect independence."

We know how in Micronesia, the gospel, in its progress from island to island, has civilized the dangerous people, and made them accessible to trade; and how necessary it is that they should have sufficient Christian stamina to resist the godless civilization which they may encounter; how in China "the seclusion of ages is being broken up, and in her very center is being felt the touch of Jesus Christ and the thrill of Christian civilization; how the thoughts of Christendom are moving toward the Dark Continent, while explorers, traders, and scientists prepare the way for a Christian regeneration."

Do not these facts call as with the voice of a trumpet upon the Church of Christ to arise and gird their armor on,—

“Strong in the strength which God supplies,
Through his eternal Son.”

What is woman's part in this great work? Is there anything in it to which she may aspire? Listen to a silver-tongued orator, a wise thinker, an eminent Christian, who says: “It is no mere figure of speech which represents the Church as the Bride of Christ; and which shows the woman, seen in heaven, arrayed with the sun, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars. Now, more than ever before, the earth of the prophecy helps the woman, and gives to her immense opportunity. The shining and stimulating fervor of spirit in matrons and maidens, to whom was revealed the heavenly Lord, has been to this Board a beauty and a power from the beginning; never more than in the late years. Their delicate hands hold at this hour, I firmly believe, the lever which must lift the moral and Christian civilization of the world. It is theirs to set in swifter motion the wheels of beryl, vivid with life, which are under the throne. It is theirs to open for tribes and people the gates of life. With that intense and exhilarating temper of which we already have felt the blessing, universal among them, and subtly diffused through home and congregations, the appearing brightness will be as the appearance of a bow in the cloud in the day of rain; for the one thing wanting to the Church of our day will at last be supplied—its desire will equal its power, its zeal will match its mighty occasions!”

Is this dreaming or reality? Is it rhetoric or is it truth? If there is a possibility of its truth, should it not stir every Christian woman to the center of her being, and send every one of us to the foot of the cross, that our Master may bear the burden, for we cannot. If any part of it be true, let us only strive ever and always to be broken and emptied vessels, made meet for the Master's use.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE BRANCH.

THE twelfth annual meeting of the New Hampshire Branch of the Woman's Board was held in the First Congregational Church of Concord, on the 7th of October—a fine, crisp, autumnal day, inspiring for the occasion. Many came, young and old, familiar faces and new. Reports of increase all along the line came in—faithful work recorded in both home and foreign fields. Another missionary was adopted, Miss Ellen Blakeley, the oldest daughter of one of our beloved vice-presidents. She had just left our shores in the Servia; and though the tears which naturally fell in parting were hardly dry on her mother's cheek, there was brighter light in the mother's eye, and a sweeter smile on the mother's face. She was testing the joy of sacrifice. Mrs. Howland, the

silver-tongued, took us to Ceylon, Miss Proctor to Syria, and Miss Price to her Zulus. In the evening, Mr. Pettee from Japan and Mr. Howland from India, each with marked individuality, gave graphic touches of far-off lands. We prized the privilege of taking all these beloved missionaries by the hand, and photographing their looks and speech in the book of our remembrances. The church in Concord, never behind in Christian courtesy, spread their board not only with a feast of good things, but with a flow of soul, which was even better. The tie which binds us to the Master, to one another, and to his glorious work on earth, was felt to be stronger, and dearer, and closer, than ever.

THE Annual Meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions will be held in Beneficent Church, Providence, R. I., on Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 13 and 14, 1886.

LEAFLETS.

THE following pamphlets and leaflets, issued by our own and other Boards, may be obtained by sending to Miss A. R. Harts-horn, No. 1 Congregational House, Boston:—

An Organization in Every Church.	\$.02
Aunt Mehitable's Account of the Annual Meeting.10
A Grain of Mustard Seed10
Aunt Sabra's Sermon02
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Clara Gray Schaufler (Austria).	
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Asahel Grant, M.D. (Persia).	
William Goodell, D.D. (Turkey).	
Titus Coan (Hawaiian Islands).	
Harrison Gray Otis Dwight, D.D. (Turkey).	
S. Wells Williams, LL.D. (China).	
Elijah Coleman Bridgman, D.D. (China).	
Julia Rappleye (Turkey).	
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By the Wayside10
Brother Ox02
Constitution for Mission Bands02
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Forward02
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For Christ's Sake02
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How to Manage a Missionary Society02
Historical Sketch of the Woman's Board04
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Helps for Leaders of Juvenile Mission Bands05
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The Legend of the Maizeen04
The School at Hadjin, and Its Teachers02
The Weekly Offering02
Young Ladies' Mission Bands05
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MAINE.

Maine Branch. — Mrs. W. S. Dana, Treas. Scarborough, Cong. Ch. S. S., \$1.10; Cornish, Aux., \$5; Augusta, Aux., const. L. M's Mrs. E. A. Nelson, Mrs. Arthur F. Skeele, \$50; East Machias, M. C., \$8;

Waldoboro. Aux., \$14.75;
Wells, First Cong. Ch., Aux., \$16.65; Rockland, Aux., \$50;
Richmond, Aux., 10; Greenville, Aux., \$18; Piscataquis Co. Conf. Coll'n, \$4, \$177 50
Windham Hill. — A few ladies, 5 40

Total, \$182 90

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Marlboro.—A friend,	\$10 00
Mt. Vernon.—Cong. Ch., Aux.,	1 00
Total,	\$11 00

VERMONT.

Vermont Branch.—Mrs. T. M. Howard, Treas. Coventry, Aux., \$11.50; Underhill, Aux., \$16; Alburgh, Aux., \$11; Derby, Aux., \$1; East Corinth, Aux., prev. contri. const. L. M. Mrs. E. T. Taplin, \$15.85; Haverhill, N. H., Mrs. Gyles Merrill, \$50; Johnson, Aux., of wh. \$25 const. L. M. Miss Sophia B. Cowles, \$26.60; Manchester, Aux., prev. contri. const. L. M's Mrs. Sophia H. Perkins, Mrs. Sarah M. Fisk, 25 cts.; New Haven, Aux., \$40; Westminster, Aux., \$11; Williston, M. C., proceeds of quilt sold at Windsor, \$10.50	\$193 70
Total,	\$193 70

MASSACHUSETTS.

Andover and Woburn Branch.—Miss E. F. Wilder, Treas. Lexington, Aux., \$7.50; Lowell, Union Aux., \$134.25; Melrose, Aux., \$69; Reading, Aux., \$18.50, Y. P. M. B., const. L. M's Miss Jessie Grouard, Miss Emma Manning, \$200; Wakefield, Aux., \$16; Winchester, Aux., of wh. \$25 by Mrs. M. A. Herrick, const. L. M. Mrs. Sarah H. Sheldon, \$26, Seek and Save Circle, \$10; Woburn Workers, of wh. \$50 const. L. M's Miss Jennie L. Greenough, Miss Addie C. Cook, \$100; Bedford, Pine-Needles, \$80,	\$661 25
Ashby.—Cong. Ch.,	1 75
Barnstable Branch.—Miss A. Snow, Treas. Falmouth, Gleaners, \$140, Aux., \$12; No. Falmouth, Aux., \$20; Waquoit, Aux., \$3; Chatham, Aux., \$10; E. Falmouth, Aux., \$8; Wellfleet, Aux., \$5.50, Postage Fund, \$2.50; So. Wellfleet, Aux., \$7; Orleans, Aux., \$3, Postage Fund, \$2.50; Harwich, Aux., \$10,	223 50
Berkshire Branch.—Mrs. S. N. Russell, Treas. Adams, Aux., \$17; Curtisville, Aux., \$8; Dalton, Penny-Gatherers, \$50; Hinsdale, Aux., \$18.61; Housatonic, Aux., \$58.70; Lanesboro, Aux., \$8; Mill River, Aux., \$12.70; Pittsfield,	

First Ch., Aux., \$8, South Ch., Aux., \$18.39; Stockbridge, Aux., by Miss Alice Byington, const. L. M. Miss Adele Brewer, \$25; Williamstown, Senior Aux., of wh. \$50 const. L. M's Miss Fannie A. Snyder, Miss Marcia P. Snyder, \$223.93; Thank-Offering at Annual Meeting, \$309.92,	\$758 25
Boston.—A Friend,	10 00
Essex North Co. Branch.—Mrs. A. Hammond, Treas. Amesbury, Aux., \$25; Newburyport, Oldtown M. C., \$25,	50 00
Essex South Co. Branch.—Miss S. W. Clark, Treas. Manchester, Aux., of wh. \$25 const. L. M. Mrs. S. L. Bingham, \$33; Danvers, Maple St. Ch., Aux., \$43; Ipswich, South Ch., Aux., \$7; Lynn, Chestnut St. Ch., Aux., \$15, First Ch., Aux., \$40, Young Ladies, Aux., \$25, North Ch., Aux., \$21.75; Beverly, Centreville, M. C., \$30, Washington St. Ch., Aux., \$61, Unity Band, \$30, Dane St. Ch., Ivy Leaves, \$15; Marblehead, Senior Aux., \$26; Georgetown, Aux., \$10; Salem, South Ch., Aux., of wh. \$25 from a friend, const. L. M. Mrs. Alice O. Atwood, \$375; Danvers Centre, Aux., \$13.75; So. Peabody, Do What We Can M. C., prev. contri. const. L. M. Miss Fannie Brown, \$20.25; Wenham, Young Ladies' Aux., \$30; Middleton, Senior Aux., \$2.50, Junior Aux., \$10; Saugus, Aux., \$7.50,	815 75
Franklin Co. Branch.—Miss L. A. Sparhawk, Treas. Ashfield, Aux., \$7.60; Greenfield, Aux., \$3.78; Northfield, Aux., \$28.86, Busy Bees, \$88.15,	128 39
Hampshire Co. Branch.—Miss I. G. Clarke, Treas. Southampton, Light-Bearers, of wh. \$25 const. L. M. Miss Emma Ranger, \$30; Hadley, Aux., \$46,	76 00
Harvard.—Cong. Ch.,	2 00
Middlesex Branch.—Mrs. E. H. Warren, Treas. Framingham, Schneider Band, \$50; So. Framingham, Willing Workers, \$21.05; Holliston, Aux., \$14.21; So. Natick, Ann Eliot Soc'y, \$10; Wellesley, Aux., \$133.83, Y. P. C., \$21.17, Penny-Gatherers, \$14.45; Hopkinton, Aux., \$25; Marlboro, Aux., of wh. \$75 const. L. M's Mrs. Wm. Hagar, Mrs. H. H. Nourse, Mrs. T. M. Miles, \$85; Maynard, Aux., \$11.65; Northboro, Aux., \$8.50;	

Southboro, Aux., \$11; Dover, Aux., \$6.25; Saxonville, Aux., \$10; Coll. at Annual Meeting, as Thank-off., \$133, \$555 11
Middlesex Union Conf. Asso.—
 Acton, Aux., 20 00
Norfolk and Pilgrim Branch.—
 Mrs. F. Shaw, Treas. Plymouth, A Friend, 100 00
Old Colony Branch.— Miss F. J. Runnels, Treas. Attleboro, Aux., \$81, Y. L. M. B., \$10; Attleboro Falls, Aux., \$37; Lakeville, Precinct Aux., \$70; Norton, Aux., \$50; Dighton, Ladies' M. C., \$60, Somerset, Aux., \$30; Taunton, Woman's Miss'y Soc'y, \$148, Broadway Ch. M. B., \$60; E. Taunton, Aux., \$31; Rochester, Aux., \$36.50; Loving Helpers, \$5; Rehoboth, Ladies' Miss'y Soc'y, \$16, Mizpah Circle, \$65; Middleboro, Aux., \$27.50, Henrietta Band, \$5, 732 00
Springfield Branch.— Miss H. T. Buckingham, Treas. West Granville, Mrs. T. O. Rice, \$10; Agawam, Aux., \$46, Young Volunteers, \$15; Brimfield, Aux., \$2; Chicopee, First Ch., Aux., \$3, Third Ch., Aux., \$13, Busy Bees, \$12, Feeding Hills, Aux., \$5.30; Holyoke, First Ch., Aux., \$6, Second Ch., Aux., \$180; Springfield, First Ch., Aux., 32 cts., Hope Ch., Aux., \$61, Memorial Ch., Aux., \$131.70, S. S., \$40, M. C., \$16.45, North Ch., Aux., \$101, Olivet Ch., Aux., \$110, Olive Branch, \$46.35; Indian Orchard, Aux., \$30.32; Monson, Aux., \$86; Palmer, First Ch., Aux., \$20, Second Ch., Aux., \$45, South Ch., Aux., \$84.39, Y. L. M. C., \$4.86; W. Springfield, Mrs. Lucy M. Bagg, \$100; Westfield, First Ch., Aux., \$217, T. T. T. Club, \$110, Light Bearers, \$45, Second Ch., Aux., \$157.25, \$1,698 94
Suffolk Branch.— Miss M. B. Child, Treas. Boston. A Friend, \$4, Berkeley St. Ch., of wh. \$100 by Mr. C. C. Barry, const. L. M's Mrs. Mary E. Barry, Mrs. J. C. Clark, Mrs. P. F. Clark, Mrs. A. E. Carson, \$170; Shawmut Branch Chapel, \$100; Roxbury, Eliot Ch., Aux., prev. contri. const. L. M. Mrs. Mary Jane Basford, \$25 by a friend, const. L. M. Mrs. Mehitable S. Wiswall, \$25 by Mrs. George Curtis, const. L. M. Miss Mabel Whyte Curtis, \$111.50, Olive Branch, \$5, Mayflowers, \$2.50, Eliot

Star, \$2.50, Ferguson Circle, 50 cts., Thompson Circle, 50 cts., Immanuel Ch., Aux., \$34.17; Dorchester, Second Ch., Aux., Thank-off., \$80.05; Chelsea, Central Ch., \$47, First Cong. Ch., \$50; Cambridge, Shepard Memorial Ch., Aux., A Friend, \$2; Arlington, Cong. Ch., M. C., \$110; West Somerville, Ladies' Miss'y Soc'y, \$5; East Somerville, Franklin St. Ch., Aux., \$1; Everett, A Friend, 40 cts.; Hyde Park, Aux., \$14; Newton, Aux., \$150; Auburndale, Willing Hands, \$5; Dedham, Asylum Dime Soc'y, \$2.30, \$897 42
Worcester Co. Branch.— Mrs. G. W. Russell, Treas. No. Brookfield, Aux., \$13; Thank-off., \$21; Gilbertville, Aux., \$100; Millbury, Second Cong. Ch., Aux., \$7; Oxford, Woman's Miss'y Soc'y, \$15, Lambs of the Flock, \$3; Leominster, Aux., \$50, M. C., \$5; Warren, Aux., \$45; Westboro, Aux., prev. contri. const. L. M. Mrs. Samuel M. Griggs, \$35, Thank-off., \$12.50; Barre, Aux., \$10, M. C., \$10; Paxton, Aux., \$17.50; Spencer, Aux., \$133; Princeton, Aux., const. L. M's Mrs. J. B. Fay, Mrs. G. F. Folger, \$50; So. Royalston, \$6; Winchendon, Aux., \$115.30, North Cong. Ch., \$10; Westminster Aux., \$20, Thank-off., \$10.85; Gardner, Aux., \$50; Athol, Aux., prev. contri. const. L. M's Mrs. Gilbert Southard, Mrs. Maria Eaton, \$25; Royalston, Aux., of wh. \$25 const. L. M. Mrs. Mary M. Pond, \$40; Shrewsbury, Aux., of wh. \$25 const. L. M. Mrs. S. H. Putnam, \$35; Worcester, Plymouth Ch., Woman's Miss'y Asso., \$64.25, Central Ch., \$64.84, Piedmont Ch., Primary S. S., \$8.50; West Boylston, Aux., \$7.03, \$983 77

Total, \$7,714 13

CONNECTICUT.

Eastern Conn. Branch.— Miss M. I. Lockwood, Treas. Norwich, Broadway Ch., Aux., \$75; New London, First Ch., In Mem. of Mrs. Ellen Perkins, \$10, Second Ch., Aux., of wh. \$25 const. L. M. Mrs. J. G. Johnson, \$59.15; Danielsonville, Aux., \$45; Stonington, Second Ch., Aux., \$15.45, \$204 60

<i>Hartford Branch.</i> —Miss A. Morris, Treas. Unionville, A Friend, \$60; Bristol, M. C., \$4; Hartford, South Ch., Aux., \$56, S. S., \$50, Pa kCh., Aux., \$1, Thank-off., \$1; Plainville, Aux., \$79, Treasure-Seekers, \$29; Poquonock, Cheerful Givers, \$12; Somersville, M. B., \$1; Wethersfield, Aux., Thank-off., \$20,	\$313 00
<i>Nashua.</i> —Mrs. N. W. Goodrich,	50 00
<i>North Haven.</i> —Ladies' Benev. Soc'y, Cong. Ch., const. L. M.'s Mrs. Sarah M. Reynolds, Mrs. Ellen A. Orcutt, Miss Emerett L. Tuttle,	75 00
<i>Northville.</i> —Miss Eliza Roberts, const. L. M. Miss Mary Roberts,	25 00
<i>New Haven Branch.</i> —Miss J. Twining, Treas. Chester, Aux., const. L. M. Mrs. Lucy Abbey, \$25; Cromwell, Aux., const. L. M.'s Mrs. Annette L. Marshall, Miss Julia S. Waters, \$50; Greenwich, Aux., \$30; Higganum, Shining Stars, \$20.30; Middletown, First Ch., Aux., of wh. \$25 by Mrs. Wolcott Huntington, const. L. M. Miss Emily Tracy, \$80; New Britain, Centre Ch., Aux., \$34.15; New Haven, Davenport Ch., S. S., \$60, Humphrey St. Ch., Aux., \$31; No. Cornwall, Mission Bank Soc'y, \$27.53; Saybrook, Aux., \$8.50; Wallingford, Aux., \$33.16; Winsted, Aux., \$80; Woodbridge, Aux., \$20,	504 64
Total,	\$1,172 24

NEW YORK.

<i>New York State Branch.</i> —Mrs. G. H. Norton, Treas. Thank-off. at Annual Meeting, in mem. of 75th Anniversary of A. B. C. F. M., \$367.07; Harford, Aux., \$10; E. Smithfield, Aux., \$18, Girls' M. B., \$40; Newark Valley, Aux., \$13.20; Bristol, Aux., \$9; Rochester, Mt. Hor Miss'y Friends, \$10; Hamilton, Aux., \$13; Homer, prev. contri. const. L. M. Mrs. E. G. Ranney, \$5, Miss Hattie Ranney, \$10; Pekin, Miss Abigail Peck, \$5,	\$500 27
<i>Jamaica.</i> —A Friend,	10 00
<i>Mellenville.</i> —Mrs. C. M. Fisher,	1 25
Total,	\$511 52

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Mrs. S. Wilde, Treas. NEW JERSEY, Orange, Trinity Cong. Ch. Aux., \$45.15, M. C., \$45, Grove St. Cong. Ch., Aux., \$62; Orange Valley, Children's M. B., \$25.45; Plainfield, Aux., \$12.30; Westfield, Aux., \$21.20; Vineland, Aux., \$26; Newark, Belleville Ave. Cong. Ch., Aux., \$17.35, M. B., \$45, First Cong. Ch., Aux., \$29.15; Bound Brook, Aux., \$32, Beavers, \$23; Woodbridge, Aux., \$14; Barton, M. C., \$17.57; Jersey City, Aux., \$33.41; Montclair, Aux., prev. contri. const. L. M. Mrs. James Powell, \$25 by Mrs. Edward Sweet, const. L. M. Mrs. H. A. Torrey, \$81.50, Y. L. M. S., \$61.67, Mrs. Mary E. B. Whiton, \$5; Paterson, Aux., \$8.55, Ladies of Stanley, \$1, VIRGINIA, Falls Ch., Aux., \$10.50; Herndon, Aux., const. L. M. Mrs. Elizabeth G. Sweetzer, \$25. MARYLAND: Baltimore, Aux., prev. contri. const. L. M. Mrs. Philander Morton, \$36.68; Coll. at Annual Meeting, \$56.34. PENNSYLVANIA: Philadelphia, Aux., \$100. D. C.: Washington, Aux., \$36,	\$875 82
Total,	\$875 82
OHIO.	
<i>Cincinnati.</i> —Miss Elizabeth D. Allen,	\$10 00
<i>Windham.</i> —Y. L. M. B.,	75 00
Total,	\$85 00

KENTUCKY.

<i>Louisville.</i> —A Friend,	\$5 80
Total,	\$5 80

CANADA.

Canadian W. B. M.,	\$166 00
St. Elmo and Maxwell M. B.,	15 00
Total,	\$181 00
General Funds,	\$10,933 11
Morning Star,	4 95
Weekly Pledge,	5 5
Leaflets,	30 35
Total,	\$10,969 36

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SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING.

BY MRS. A. L. MILLER.

A FITTING prelude to our meeting was the journey thitherward, when as we rode all day, first through the rolling, and later through the flat, prairie of Illinois, the happy group of workers enjoyed a most delightful opportunity to attune their souls to the pitch of the occasion awaiting them. Such earnest talks; such eager questionings; such comparing of notes; such pleasant introductions, which grew rapidly into friendships as we found the lights and shadows of our work so much the same in all parts of the field! The prelude was heart-warming.

We were met before reaching "The Bridge" by a delegation from the ever-busy Committee of Arrangements, who provided for our transfer to the various hospitable doors which waited to receive us. The morning found us refreshed for work. The weather, of course, was not favorable; the usual rain attended our whole session; but the numbers were not sensibly diminished by the storm.

The new First Church, which opened to us its hospitable doors, and whose indefatigable pastor so perfectly anticipated our every want, through all the progress of the meetings, is not only commodiously fitted for every department of church-work, but is also a most fitting architectural ornament to a rising ground which makes it "beautiful for situation." For years to come it must be, as in the past, a strong power in the religious life of that important section of country which looks to St. Louis as its center.

We were happy in the presence of our beloved President, who, though not possessed of strength of body equal to the execution of all the plans proposed by her ever active mind and earnest soul, was still able to preside over our entire session.

Our opening exercises gave the key-note for the day. We sang the hymn, "Come, let us join our sacred songs," and read from the Scripture, first, the promise recorded by Isaiah, "Unto us a child is born;" the angel song announcing the fulfillment of the promise; Simeon's prayer, "For mine eyes have seen thy salvation;" and our Saviour's word, "Without me ye can do nothing;" closing with the verse from which grew Dr. Storrs' wonderful sermon at the Boston meeting, "Ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the

uttermost part of the earth." Prayer was offered by Mrs. Leavitt, of Chicago. Mrs. Merrill, wife of the pastor of the First Church, and president of the Missouri Branch, gave graceful greeting in an address which was full of practical suggestion, which will be given to our readers in our next issue.

The report of our meeting at Minneapolis followed; then were received greetings from other Woman's Boards; then the first statement of our year's work.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT.

This has well been called the thermometer of our interest. In addition to those States known as regular contributors, we heard the names, Indian Territory, Texas; and beyond the seas, Peking, Tientsin, Kalgan, and Marash — the total, \$43,867.46; not the \$60,000 we had planned a year ago — not so near to it by \$4,000 as last year. We did not join in glad song as two years ago at Milwaukee; nor look into each other's faces with lips a little compressed, and eyes that said, "We'll do it next year," as at Minneapolis; but we are sure that with the subdued feeling that came with our disappointment, there was no less in every heart a strong purpose to "try again," and to look carefully if any of the causes of our failure were within our own power to remove. After a few words by Mrs. Smith, we joined in prayer that what had been offered might be owned and blessed, and we all be enabled to find the added gifts which may swell our record of the coming year. The committee to whose review this report was given recommended no special sum for our goal for the next twelve months; but rather urged that a general return to Scripture methods be attempted, and that each "lay by upon the first day of the week, according as the Lord hath prospered."

FOREIGN REPORT.

This report, which presents a review of our work abroad, constitutes a long and most interesting paper — the result of patient study and research, as well as of careful collecting of facts from letters all through the twelvemonth. It was prepared and read by Mrs. Willcox. As it will be given to the public in a form which will make it available for reference by our auxiliaries, we do not attempt to make extracts here.

We have in our charge 43 missionaries, 11 boarding-schools, 47 common-schools, and 35 Bible-women, besides native teachers, matrons, and stewards.

The committee appointed to review this report asked special attention to the needs it had spread before us; to the call for

larger accommodations at Kobe Home, for a music teacher there; for another teacher in Adana, Turkey; for help for the lonely workers in Micronesia; and for substitutes for Miss Porter and others who have already returned to this country for rest, or must soon do so; emphasizing the need of young ladies of medical skill to do work in various fields similar to that now in charge of Dr. Murdock, in Kalgan.

HOME REPORT.

The home report given by Miss Wingate shows a part of the work performed "at our end of the line." We gratefully acknowledge the Divine goodness in our unbroken list of officers. These have carried on their work during the year, each in her own station, by meetings, correspondence, and personal effort. At our rooms, 75 Madison Street, have been held forty-four sessions of the Executive Committee; 1,800 visitors have been received; 36 missionaries welcomed, and sent on their way. There have been put in circulation 885,100 pages of leaflets, including among others, "What We Owe to Missions," by Mrs. L. F. Parker; "Statement of Young Ladies' Work for 1885," by Mrs. L. Baird; "Five Years' Record of Young Ladies' Work," by Mrs. L. Purington; the Morning Star certificate, and pink leaflet for children, and new editions of several former issues. LIFE AND LIGHT has been full of interest. From its pages may be gathered material for history. In the Interior its circulation has reached over four thousand. But the delinquent list! Please, dear sisters, each one of you, look at once at the date accompanying your name on the cover, and take instant means to bring it to 1886. "Mission Studies," with its carefully-prepared lessons from Miss Pollock's pen, has had numberless tributes to its value during the year. Many items of these lessons have been gleaned from books now out of print, which make them increasingly valuable as time rolls on.

We have on our list to-day, 142 new auxiliaries, 70 senior, 27 junior, 36 juvenile. There have been 115 dropped from our list, not having contributed to our treasury in two years. The whole number is 1,275.

PAPERS.

We have room only for mention of the papers read during the meeting, rich as they were in thought and suggestion. We trust they may be placed within reach of our auxiliaries by hektograph or leaflet. The following are the subjects: "Scripture Warrant for Foreign Missions," by Mrs. Noble; "General Fund," by Mrs.

Temple; "Methods of Work in Mission Bands," by Mrs. Gilbert; "Dora Turner's Letters," by Mrs. Geo. M. Clark; "Our Share," by Miss Evans; and "A Visit to some of our Turkish Missions," by Mrs. Boardman.

DEVOTIONAL HOUR.

The Devotional Hour comes in the midst of each day as a precious season of rest and refreshment. On Wednesday it was led by Mrs. Angell, of Michigan, who turned our thoughts to the theme, "One with Christ." Mention was made of the call for fifty more lady helpers in the mission-fields, and Mrs. Arthur Smith spoke earnestly on the same subject. She reminded us that the Jews were always commanded to bring the *best* to the altar. Shall not our Lord have of our best? The same thought was again brought before us at the same hour on Thursday, when the meeting was led by Miss Sewall, of Wisconsin, in two letters from missionaries in Japan and China, both begging for helpers in their work. "Surely, surely," said one of these, there must be some among the girls gathered at your St. Louis meeting who will answer, "Here am I; send me."

CHILDREN'S HOUR.

The children's department of our work grows rapidly on our hands; the hour devoted to it is all too short.

The indefatigable leader, Mrs. Rogers, of Oak Park, Illinois, had planned a joyous surprise for this occasion. On a blackboard she placed the figures \$2,500, calling on the row of little folks before her to read it, as the Children's Pledge of the last year. Above it she then placed \$3,861.48, which they read in concert, though it was noticeable that some of their little eyes were unaccustomed to so large numeration. With some help they managed to make the subtraction, and joyfully announced that the Children's Pledge had been redeemed, and a surplus raised by them of \$1,361.48. The applause which greeted this statement testified the delight of the older folks. This sum has been divided between the four objects given to the children for their last year's study.—Hadjin Home, Umzumbi Home, Bridgman School, Peking, and Morning Star Mission. That these objects have come very near to some young hearts, is proved by many instances of self-denial which have been brought to light during their meetings. The report of the Mission Band of Lincoln Park Church, Chicago, was read by Harry Berry, a member of the Band, in a clear and pleasant manner. This was followed by a sprightly address by Rev. Arthur Smith, who, after assuring the little folks that they are far in advance of their seniors, in that they "know some few things," and "haven't forgotten half as much as older folks," gave them some practical lessons from the Mute Appeal, urging them to use all their energies to change the black squares to white ones.

The talk which followed brought out these points: To interest the boys, give them something to do; it is well to have a good many officers; responsibility awakens interest; one meeting for study, and one for work each month; Sunday afternoon is a good time for the study-meeting; beware of vacations—it takes time to get back to the point where the work was left. One leader said: "I have two vice-presidents, a girl and a boy, who sit on the

platform with me; one reads the Scripture, the other selects and gives out the hymns." A boy's society was reported, numbering thirty, who study the lives of young men missionaries, and work to buy a stereopticon to illustrate missionary work. From this band we may confidently expect recruits.

THE YOUNG LADIES' HOUR.

More and more, as the years go by, does the hour devoted to Young Ladies' work assume a special and peculiarly tender character. Year by year the figure of the Bridge which shall span the chasm separating them from their heathen sisters, has grown more significant, till we find its piers and arches support a highway, over which not only may their gifts be carried to the dark lands their love would bless, but one by one their feet press forward to cross the gulf by the same path, and carry with their own hands the gospel of life. On the goodly number of these young sisters who occupied the center seats of the church Thursday afternoon, we could not look without emotion. "Fifty more," has been the call; are some of them here to-day? This question came to our minds as one who has already offered herself for foreign service was introduced and stood before us, and all joined in the fervent petitions uttered by our President, as she asked for her the fitting preparation of heart, and mind, and body for the work to which she has thus pledged herself. It was no wonder that the song was less clear than usual, or that the voices broke and faltered as they joined the hymn which followed.

It was at this hour that we particularly felt the absence of Mrs. Baird, of Chicago, who had been detained by illness. She has been identified with every step of the progress of the work of the junior societies, and knows every stone, and pier, and support of the Bridge.

THE MINNIE BROWN MEMORIAL.

Often during the meeting was heard in loving accents the name of Missouri's young missionary, who entered into rest February 26, 1885. Of unusual ability as a student, filled with the spirit of service, enthusiastic and devoted, the hope was cherished that a long and useful missionary career awaited her. She entered on her work in Turkey, with Miss Tucker, in 1880, but after three years was obliged to return home. Still, hope of recovery was entertained for a season; but our Father had need of her elsewhere, and her earthly place is vacant.

The earnest appeal of her companion, Miss Tucker, to the Board for a new school-building, gave occasion for the proposal that special contributions be made for that purpose, and that it be made a memorial of Minnie Brown. The plan was heartily welcomed, and there was received, in pledges and money, as a beginning of the \$3,500 needed, the sum of \$354.

QUESTION-BOX.

A new and attractive feature of our meeting was the Question-Box, conducted by Mrs. Case, of Chicago. Sixteen questions brought out various points in the policy of our Board, in the management of auxiliaries, senior, junior, and juvenile, and much practical information, for which we have no room. "If a member of your church refuses to give to foreign missions one year, do you

ask her the next?" This was answered by a full chorus, "Yes." "How shall we send money to the Board?" answered by a State treasurer, who seemed glad of an opportunity to sound a clear reply through the house, "Send it to your State treasurer quarterly, or oftener." "Where can maps be obtained?" *Answer*: "By sending to Boston, according to advertisement in *Herald*."*

STATE REPORTS.

It is one of the disadvantages attending the great extension of our home work, that our time is too limited to do justice to the carefully prepared reports of our different State Branches. We can only give a very few out of the many excellent suggestions in which these abounded. "Success depends largely on the kind of treasurer an auxiliary chooses." "The true object of an auxiliary is not entertainment, but intelligent and earnest service." "It is wonderful how we can stretch ourselves out on the promises." One mentions as of especial value in her State the leaflet published last year, "What We Owe to Missions." "Remember that Matthew Henry says, 'He who is at his wit's end is not at his faith's end.'"

For statistics in the line of new auxiliaries in each Branch, comparative contributions in each, and methods of work, we must refer our friends to the annual report about to be published, which can be obtained for a trifling cost on application to our rooms, 75 Madison Street, Chicago.

MUTE APPEAL.

This is the title of a little leaflet containing a diagram which shows, by contrasted light and shade, the proportion of Christian and heathen in the population of the earth. Larger diagrams of the same are obtainable, one of which, hung before the audience, formed the basis for an object lesson by Mrs. Case, which brought out strong arguments for more earnest work. The black part of the diagram, showing deepest heathenism, covered by far the largest portion, and represented 856,000,000 human souls. For the conversion of these, the Congregational body provides only through the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, and its auxiliary Woman's Boards. For the starting and support of churches in our own land, we have seven active societies. "This ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone." The hymn, "The Light of the World is Jesus," most appropriately followed the close of this lesson.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

The meeting Wednesday evening was well attended, in spite of the storm. After prayer by Dr. Goodell, we listened to beautiful words of encouragement and promise from the venerable Dr. Post, who, after setting before us the fitness of our work, as "Woman's work for women," led our thoughts, by glowing sentences, along the bright pathway of promise which ends only in that blessed country where, in glad company, are gathered those who have worked together here. As we listened we were reminded, as we had often been during the day, of the sainted wife and daughter of the speaker, who had been so closely allied in heart and service with the early progress of our Board.

* Do all read both sides of covers of our periodicals?—*Ed.*

Dr. Post was followed by a stirring missionary address by Rev. Arthur Smith, which set before us in vivid colors the need of earnest, self-forgetting laborers in mission-fields; and drew a striking picture of the discouraging effect of the indifferent spirit among Christians at home "who, having eyes, see not" the need and call of a perishing world. The sermon which followed, by Rev. Moses Smith, of Detroit, set forth in eloquent passages the question, "Whom do men say the Son of Man is?" and its answer as unfolded in the progress of history, which shows more and more the exaltation of Christ in its development. He emphasized in glowing words our Lord's call to his disciples, "Come unto me," so soon followed by the other word, "Go ye into all the world;" an invitation which is followed by the same command as it reaches the human ear and heart in every land and every time.

MISSIONARIES.

We were favored by the presence of Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Smith, of Shantung, China; Rev. and Mrs. Howland, of Jaffna, Ceylon; and Mrs. Bridgman, of Umzumbi, Africa. Nor must we forget little Harry Smith ("Honey-Bee," according to his Chinese friends), who, dressed in Chinese costume, gave pleasant salute to the audience and the ladies on the platform, and then sang to his mother, who stood by his side, a few verses in Chinese to the tune, "When He Cometh." Mrs. Smith, who went to China in 1872, told of the 60,000 who dwell in a circle of six miles radius where she has labored; the women, all workers, aiding in the bread-winning for their families, working with their hands in house and field. They are never lazy, but are possessed of violent tempers, and often make "only one side of the house at all tolerable to their husbands." But for these women the power of Christ's love has wrought its wonders. She has seen them made quiet, gentle, and forbearing, showing Christian sympathy for a sister in affliction, though to do so they must overstep the line of caste, so marked in every heathen country. Christianity does not at once overthrow the customs and habits of a country. The foot-binding, the servile position of women, the dominion of the mothers-in-law, and other customs of centuries' growth, will not at once give way; but it is a leaven which will work these changes as a result of changed purposes of life and renewed spiritual desires. In closing, she read us portions of a letter received from those she had left, whose expressions of affection for the "Shepherd and Shepherdess" were so ardent and so feelingly expressed as to convince all that there exists in the Chinese character a depth and warmth of affection not always understood.

Mrs. Bridgman spoke of her twenty-five years of service in Africa. When she went to Umzumbi it was literally a howling wilderness, with wild beasts, and people almost as terrible. The dress of the women was at most of ox-hide, and their hair rubbed stiff with a kind of red clay. Now a church has gathered in many of these same savages, who, clothed and reasonable, gladly send their children to be taught the way of life. The temperance question is an important one among this people, who have all been addicted to the use of native beer. A native pastor has led in this reform. The church holds monthly missionary concerts, following the custom of this country.

Mrs. Howland congratulated us on our initials, and gave two

most appropriate interpretations to them,—“We Believe In Missions,” or, “We Bring Money In,” good mottos, which we gladly accept. Then referring to her own mission-field, she told us of the marked change which Christianity makes in the life of a heathen woman—of the conscientious setting apart of tithes for the Lord’s work, and the acknowledged obligation to send the good news to their neighbors who are still in darkness. “A heathen woman is never known to refuse to pray when asked.” Their feasts of harvest were graphically described—when even the children bring the fruit of their gardens to the church, and hymns and religious exercises accompany the gifts. Mrs. Howland also gave a most animated talk to the little people, who will surely retain a pleasant picture of the genial “missionary lady” who, after a pleasant story, to secure their attention, gave them these rules:—

1. EARN ALL YOU CAN.
2. SAVE ALL YOU CAN.
3. GIVE ALL YOU CAN.

CONCLUSION.

Our Thursday afternoon session was called to order at a few minutes after two, and continued actively engaged for four hours; when, after having adopted by unanimous vote the comprehensive resolution, which expressed our grateful sense of obligation to all the different ones who, by various means, had helped us forward and made pleasant the progress of our meetings, we adjourned to accept still further kindness from our generous entertainers. The various apartments of the church were all thrown open. Alumnae meetings of various name were gathered in the galleries; long tables filled a second and third time in the dining-room were graciously and gracefully served by “our girls” in pretty caps and aprons; happy groups gathered in parlors and pastor’s study; busy hostesses filled the kitchen; Rev. Mr. Howland, of Japan, explained, while he exhibited to a full Sabbath-school room, his stereopticon views of Ceylon scenery and native customs; and an earnest group occupied the little chairs of the infant class room, to question and talk about Mission Bands, with their enthusiastic leader, Mrs. Rogers; and in it all we enjoyed that best of happiness, “The fellowship of kindred minds.”

MISSIONARY REVIEW OF 1885.

WE call attention first to three events at home which show the trend of public sentiment in regard to missions:—

International Missionary Conference at Niagara. Missionary Herald, p. 381.

American Medical Missionary Society, organized in Chicago. *Herald*, p. 382.

Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the American Board. December *Herald*.

We group together next a few of the *political events* that have had, or are likely to have, an influence on missionary work.

War between France and China. *Herald*, pp. 204, 405, 407.

War in Madagascar. *Herald*, p. 245.

Claim of the Caroline Islands by Spain and Germany. *Herald*, p. 380.

Exploration of the Congo. The Congo Conference; Movement against the slave trade: *Herald*, pp. 32, 47, 118, 206. Congo Free State: *Herald*, p. 343. How many gallons of rum were taken to West Africa from Boston in a single vessel?

Revolution in Roumelia. *Herald*, p. 424.

Work of the Press. *Herald*, p. 254. Review, *Mission Stories.* Review the leaflets issued by the American Board and by the Woman's Boards during the year: "For His Sake," "Story of the Bees," "Legend of the Maizeen," "What We Owe to Missions," "Pitchers and Lamps."

New Churches formed. *Herald*, pp. 137, 233, 178. LIFE AND LIGHT, p. 203.

Members Added. *Herald*, pp. 64, 66, 74, 112, 152, 219, 407.

Revivals. Kalgan, *Herald*, p. 190; Kartsı, Western Turkey; Syria, *Herald*, p. 203.

Work and Death of Pastor Schubert. *Herald*, p. 186.

Work and Death of Miss Minnie Brown. See LIFE AND LIGHT, p. 194.

Africa: Eastern Central Mission. Describe Inhambane and its People, LIFE AND LIGHT, p. 41; *Herald*, p. 70, 356; New Work at Mapumulo; Explorations, *Herald*, p. 94. *West Central Mission* re-established, *Herald*, pp. 45, 89.

Eastern Turkey. Woman's Work, LIFE AND LIGHT, p. 8. Girls' Schools in the Harpoot Field, LIFE AND LIGHT, p. 364.

Western Turkey. What changes at Marsovan? LIFE AND LIGHT, p. 324. Why is the Bardesag School to be removed? Dr. Somerville's Work; LIFE AND LIGHT, p. 208; *Herald*, pp. 197, 221.

Central Turkey. New Building, LIFE AND LIGHT, p. 325.

Bulgaria. Enlargement in the Samokov School, LIFE AND LIGHT, p.

India. What medical work has Lady Dufferin inaugurated? See LIFE AND LIGHT. Describe the Christian Girls' School in Bombay, LIFE AND LIGHT, p. 327; Describe Mrs. Capron's work in Madura, LIFE AND LIGHT, pp. 4, 122, 166; How many boarding-schools in the Madura Mission? Bible-work, LIFE AND LIGHT, p. 373.

Ceylon. How was the large heathen school in Santillapai broken up? LIFE AND LIGHT, p. 244; What special answer to prayer in the Manepy and Panditeripo field? LIFE AND LIGHT, p. 284.

China. Tung-cho Dispensary, LIFE AND LIGHT, pp. 13, 131; Visit of the Taylor Inland Missionaries, LIFE AND LIGHT, p. 385.

Mexico. Persecution, LIFE AND LIGHT, p. 401.

Japan. What towns are being reached from Niigata? LIFE AND LIGHT, p. 185; Christian Convention in Kioto, LIFE AND LIGHT, p. 404; *Herald*, p. 301; Flood, at Osaka, LIFE AND LIGHT, p. 405; *Herald*, p. 382.

Spain. How many pupils in the school at San Sebastian? LIFE AND LIGHT, p. 152; *Herald*, p. 74; What terrible visitations? LIFE AND LIGHT, p. 213.

Micronesia. What is the Children's Morning Star Mission? LIFE AND LIGHT, p. 21; Girls' Home in Ponape, LIFE AND LIGHT, p. 106; Voyage of the Jennie Walker, *Herald*, p. 105; First voyage of the New Star, *Herald*, p. 420.

Those who wish to have a *Complete Summary of the Work of the*

American Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions at this meeting, will find it in the Annual Survey, November number of *Missionary Herald*. A *Complete Summary of the Work of the Woman's Boards* is found in their Annual Reports.

February and March will be given to the *Study of the Eastern Turkey Mission*.

NEWS FROM THE MORNING STAR.

EARLY in October the Morning Star arrived in Honolulu, bringing Mr. Sturgis, who had been stricken with paralysis. It is good to hear that he is recovering, and that the Star is away again, on her errand of love, to the islands of the seas. Micronesia seems to be only half as far away as before. The missionaries can send to their post-office, at Honolulu, twice this year. Captain Bray says, "Didn't we blow our whistle with a will, when we steamed by the wreck of the old Morning Star on the reef just off Kusaie!" And the natives were beside themselves at the sound, crying out, "She speaks! She speaks."

A MISSIONARY WANTED.

WEDDING bells ring out old plans, though they ring in new joys. And so, while we congratulate Miss Bray, married November 4th, at Constantinople, to Harrison Graham, M.D., appointed to Aintab, we are still without an assistant for Miss Tucker. No better opening for great usefulness can be found than this one at Adana. Who will go?

RECEIPTS OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS
OF THE INTERIOR.

Mrs. J. B. LEAKE, TREASURER.

FROM OCTOBER 18, 1885, TO OCTOBER 29, 1885.

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MISSOURI.

MISSOURI BRANCH.—Mrs. J. H. Drew, 3101 Washington Ave., St. Louis, Treas. <i>Amity</i> , 24; <i>Brookfield</i> , 2; <i>Cameron</i> , 8.95; <i>Lebanon</i> , 17.75; <i>Lathrop</i> , 2; <i>Kansas City</i> , Olivet Cong. Ch., 5; <i>Meadville</i> , 5; <i>St. Louis</i> , Pilgrim Ch., Aux., 12.50; Thank-Offering, 5; 5th Cong. Ch. Aux., 1.15; Thank-Offerings, 4.10; <i>St. Joseph</i> , 17; Webster Groves, for Miss Tucker, 25,		\$129 45
JUNIOR.— <i>St. Louis</i> , Pilgrim Ch., Y. L. Soc., 62.50; <i>Hyde Park</i> , Gleaners, 4.50; <i>Springfield</i> , King's Messengers, 60,		127 00
JUVENILE.— <i>Brookfield</i> , Willing Workers, 8; <i>Lebanon</i> , Children's Soc., 10.50,		18.50
FOR MORNING STAR.— <i>Springfield</i> , Mission Band, 1.50; <i>Kansas City</i> , 1st Cong. Ch., 10.30,		11 60
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OHIO.

OHIO BRANCH.—Mrs. Geo. H. Ely, of Elyria, Treas. <i>Alexandria</i> , 5; <i>Ashtabula</i> , 20; <i>Brooklyn</i> , 20.80; <i>Brownhelm</i> , 7.50; <i>Lyme</i> , 14.50; <i>Richfield</i> , 22.25; <i>Rootstown</i> , 19,		\$109 05
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JUNIOR.— <i>Hudson</i> , Y. L. M. C., 25; <i>Painsville</i> , Y. L. S., 15; <i>Steubenville</i> , Y. L. M. C., 12.95,		72 95
Total,		\$199 48

WISCONSIN.

WISCONSIN BRANCH.—Mrs. R. Coburn, of Whitewater, Treas. <i>Appleton</i> , 20; <i>Eau Claire</i> , 20; <i>Emerald Grove</i> , 9.90; <i>Fond du Lac</i> , 20; <i>Fox Lake</i> , 7.25; <i>Hammond</i> , 4; <i>La Crosse</i> , 7.38;	
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<i>Lake Mills</i> , 1.25; <i>Madison</i> , 30.60; <i>Milwaukee</i> , Mrs. Hemmings and daughter, 2; <i>New Lisbon</i> , 5.75; <i>Oak Creek</i> , 8.60; <i>Racine</i> , 17.31; <i>Stoughton</i> , 2; <i>Watertown</i> , 4; <i>Warren</i> , 11; —, 75 cts.,		\$200 03
JUNIOR.— <i>Beloit</i> , First Ch., 8; <i>Milwaukee</i> , Grand Ave. Ch., Y. W., 25; Y. L. M. Circle, 25,		58 00
JUVENILE.— <i>Hammond</i> , Busy Bees, 2; <i>Milwaukee</i> , M. Band, 25; <i>Oconomowoc</i> , Cheerful Workers, 15; <i>Racine</i> , 4.75,		46 75
THANK-OFFERINGS.— <i>Appleton</i> , 5; <i>Bloomington</i> , 1; <i>Emerald Grove</i> , 1.85; <i>Janesville</i> , Mrs. Van Wagner, 1; A. J. Hobart, 4; <i>Racine</i> , 20,		32 85
FOR MORNING STAR.— <i>Dela- van</i> , Buds of Promise, 2.25; <i>New Lisbon</i> , 25 cts.,		2 50
Less expenses,		\$340 13 16 79
Total,		\$323 34

ARKANSAS.

<i>Bradford</i> , Morning Star M. Band,	\$5 00
Total,	\$5 00

CHINA.

<i>Kalgan</i> .—Miss V. C. Murdock, M. D., Russian coins, and sale of some of them,	\$43 00
Total,	\$43 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Interest, premium, etc.,	\$49 19
Total,	\$94 19
Receipts for month,	\$ 1,971 05
Previously acknowledged,	41,896 41
Total for year ending Oct. 29, 1885,	\$43,867 46

FROM OCTOBER 29, 1885, TO NOVEMBER 18, 1885.

ILLINOIS.

(Two statements in one.)

ILLINOIS BRANCH.—Mrs. W. A. Talcott, of Rockford, Treas. Aux., <i>Chicago</i> , South Ch., 1; <i>Union Park</i> Ch., Mrs. I. N. C., to const. L. M., Mrs. Frances M. Carpenter, 25; <i>First Ch.</i> , 40.45; <i>Leavitt St. Ch.</i> , 13.15;	
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<i>New Eng. Ch.</i> , 31; <i>Evanston</i> , 30 50; <i>Forrest</i> , 5; <i>Garden Prairie</i> , 7.30; <i>Glencoe</i> , 11; <i>Hinsdale</i> , Aux., 24; Mrs. S. L. K., to const. L. M., Miss Nettie Brown, 25; <i>La Harpe</i> , 4.25; <i>Lee Centre</i> , 28; <i>Mendon</i> , 14; <i>Neponset</i> , 10; <i>Oak Park</i> , 10.45; <i>Princeton</i> , special gift for Miss Wright, 8; <i>Rio</i> , 7 40; <i>Rosemond</i> , 6.50; <i>Summer Hill</i> ,	
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5; <i>Udina</i> , 3.64; <i>Wayne</i> , 5; <i>Winnetka</i> , 8.50; <i>Woodburn</i> , 5.50,	\$329 64
JUNIOR.— <i>Abingdon</i> , Gleaners, 30; <i>Aurora</i> , 1st Ch., Y. L. So., 10; <i>Alton</i> , Cheerful Workers, 25; <i>Byron</i> , Y. Peo. So., 10; <i>Cambridge</i> , Y. Peo. So., 10; <i>Chicago</i> , Union Pk. Ch., Y. L. So., 25; <i>New Eng. Ch.</i> , Y. L. So., to const. L. M. Miss Hat- tie E. Fuller, 27; <i>Dundee</i> , S. S., 4.12; <i>Elgin</i> , Y. L. So., 41.25; <i>Evanston</i> , Y. L. So., 53; <i>Har- vard</i> , Y. Peo. So., 5; <i>Jackson- ville</i> , Y. L. So., 25; <i>Princeton</i> , Whatsoever Band, 29; <i>Rich- mond</i> , Y. L. So., 10.16; <i>Rock- ford</i> , Y. L. So., 2d Ch., 6.75,	311 28
JUVENILE.— <i>Brimfield</i> , Miss. Band, 10; <i>Chicago</i> , So. Ch. M. Band, 15; <i>New Eng. Ch. M.</i> Star Certifs., 2; <i>Galesburg</i> , Brick Ch. Miss. Band, 2; <i>Providence</i> , Workers and Gleaners, 45; <i>Rosemond</i> , Busy Bees, 2.50; <i>Stirling</i> , Cheerful Workers, 10; <i>Udina</i> , King's Young Daughters and their Brothers, 13.42,	99 92
THANK-OFFERINGS.— <i>Chicago</i> , <i>New Eng. Ch.</i> , Mrs. E. W. B., 250; <i>Union Pk. Ch. Aux.</i> , 5; <i>Hinsdale</i> , 10; a friend, 2; <i>Pax- ton</i> , a friend, 10; <i>Udina</i> , Aux., 16.94,	293 94
Total, \$1,034.78, of which \$851.61 belongs to the foregoing statement, and \$183.17 to this.	
IOWA.	
IOWA BRANCH.—Mrs. E. R. Potter, of Grinnell, Treas. <i>Council Bluffs</i> , 31.30; <i>Charles</i> <i>City</i> , 10; <i>Green Mountain</i> , 1.40; <i>Red Oak</i> , 24.20; <i>Tipton</i> , 5,	\$71 90
JUVENILE.— <i>Des Moines</i> , S. S. of <i>Plymouth Ch.</i> ,	6 12
Total,	\$78 02
MICHIGAN.	
MICHIGAN BRANCH.—Mrs. Charles E. Fox, of Detroit, Treas. <i>Almont</i> , 5; <i>Ann Ar- bor</i> , 15; <i>Charlotte</i> , 52.09; <i>Dow- agiac</i> , 5; <i>Grand Rapids</i> , So. Ch., 23; <i>Kalamazoo</i> , 27.75; <i>Lansing</i> , 3; <i>Sandstone</i> , thank- offering, 10.80; <i>Waconsta</i> , 10,	\$151 64
JUNIOR.— <i>Flint</i> , Y. P. M. Soc., 25; <i>Jackson</i> , Y. P. M. C., of which 30 is thank-offering, 55,	80 00
Total,	\$231 64

NEBRASKA.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY ASSOCI- ATION.—Mrs. Geo. W. Hall, of Omaha, Treas. <i>Ashland</i> , 1; <i>Fairmont</i> , 8; <i>Franklin</i> , 3; <i>Norfolk</i> , 14; <i>Sutton</i> , 1.35; <i>Syr- acuse</i> , 10; <i>Wahoo</i> , 15.30; Special collection, at Beatrice, 30.95,	\$83 60
Less expenses,	40 60
Total,	\$43 00

NORTH DAKOTA BRANCH.

Mrs. R. C. Cooper, of Coopers- town, Treas. JUVENILE.— <i>Cooperstown</i> , Morning Star Band,	\$2 50
Total,	\$2 50

OHIO.

OHIO BRANCH.—Mrs. Geo. H. Ely, of Elyria, Treas. <i>Toledo</i> , First Ch., 110. JUVENILE.— <i>Cleveland</i> , First Ch., Dew- drop M. Band, 5,	\$115 00
Total,	\$115 00

WISCONSIN.

WISCONSIN BRANCH.—Mrs. R. Coburn, of Whitewater, Treas. <i>Brandon</i> , 4.07; <i>Hart- land</i> , Mrs. G. W. Henderson, 1; <i>Union Grove</i> , Mrs. Ben. Smith, 2,	\$7 07
JUVENILE.— <i>Plymouth</i> , 4; <i>Pres- cott</i> , Theodora Society, 7; <i>Shoptere</i> , Little Travelers, 15,	26 00
Less expenses,	\$33 07
Total,	10 66
Total,	\$22 41

CHINA.

<i>Kalgan</i> , Miss V. C. Murdock, M.D., proceeds of sale of tea,	\$21 00
Total,	\$21 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Sale of leaflets, envelopes, etc., 17.97; sale of same at St. Louis, 14.78; sale of Japanese dolls, from Niigata, 9.50,	\$42 25
Collection at St. Louis,	73 03
Total,	\$115 28
Receipts since Oct. 29, 1885,	\$812 02

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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF THE PACIFIC.

REPORTS OF AUXILIARIES.

(Concluded.)

Oakland, First. — Mrs. Barnard read the report of the Ladies' Society. She spoke of very interesting meetings held throughout the year; of visits made to the Society by Mrs. Smith of China and Miss Talcott of Japan, which had been a great inspiration. She also spoke of their missionary maps as very helpful. Mrs. Starkweather reported of the Young Ladies' Society an average attendance of 18. They have been using the "Mission Studies," but are now considering special fields.

Plymouth Avenue Church. — Mrs. Love reported regular meetings. It can be added that much encouragement has been received from talks from Mrs. Smith, Miss Gouldy, and Miss Talcott at the monthly meetings; also, that members of the Society were invited to meet, socially, Mr. and Mrs. Pease, Miss Gouldy, and other missionaries who have been with us from time to time. The report of the Young Ladies' Society was read by Miss Harriet Moar.

Point Church. — Mrs. Foster brought us a word of good cheer in saying that their Society still lives, and holds regular meetings.

Golden Gate Church. — No delegate was present, but Mrs. Jewett reported them as alive and at work, as evidenced by a goodly dozen of articles sent to the box for Spain.

Market Street Branch gave a very encouraging report, speaking of a membership of 40 ladies, who were all very much interested in the cause.

Petaluma.—Mrs. Gilbert read a very encouraging report, saying that they had reorganized with new enthusiasm since Mrs. Marty had come among them; that they were delighted to find in her an earnest missionary worker. Their contribution last year was \$16; this year it was \$116.

Riverside.—The secretary of the Ladies' Society, Mary A. Call, sends a written report, stating their membership as 11. A meeting has been held every month in the year. The largest number present at any one time was 17; the smallest, 6. "Financially, we have gained a little. The secretary of the Theodoras, Alla M. Aldrich, reports a regular membership of 16, with an honorary membership of 21. Regular meetings are held every two weeks, and at these meetings, during the year, we have completed an album quilt, made some clothing for the girls of Mrs. Gulick's school, and commenced preparations for a fancy fair."

Stockton.—Mrs. Brown was present, and handed two written reports to the secretary, one from each society. The "Little Helpers" sent an account of their meetings, held one Saturday afternoon in the month with Mrs. Brown. No one belonging to the Society is over eleven years of age, and yet they have tacked a quilt all themselves, and have raised \$9 for our treasury.

Santa Barbara.—Mrs. Stearns was present, and gave an oral report. Mrs. Guild also reported, by letter, 11 meetings, with an average attendance of 21 members. Seven of these meetings have been followed by a supper and a social. The membership of the Society is 72. Ten dollars is the contribution of the little band of "Willing Workers," and was mainly the proceeds of a concert given by these devoted little people.

San Francisco, First.—Mrs. Clark read a report from the Cephas Auxiliary, written by Miss Deering. They have between 80 and 85 members. She spoke of visits from Miss Evans and Mrs. Pease. The amount paid to the treasury was \$653. "We are not satisfied, but unsatisfied, and wish our pressing forward might have reached nearer the mark. Let us, however, be thankful for the increase of interest shown and the degree of progress made. Let us take courage for the new year, 'looking unto Jesus' even more steadfastly."

Plymouth, San Francisco.—Mrs. Carlson reported regular meetings, one month for home work and the next for foreign work. "We felt disappointed at the resignation of Miss Starkweather. A special sermon was also delivered for our benefit by our pastor,

which resulted in the addition of \$40 to our treasury." The report of the Young Ladies' Society was read by Mrs. Warren. This Society has done a large amount of home work this year as well as foreign work.

Third Church, San Francisco. — Mrs. Eastman, secretary, read the report, containing an affectionate tribute to the memory of Miss Lizzie Hutchinson, which was appreciatively listened to by all present, many of whom had known and loved her. Miss Kate Hutchinson reported for the *Alpha Kappas*: "We started in with the firm determination that every girl and every young lady in our church should belong to our Society, and so have increased our membership from 19 to 53, which we hope to still further increase another year."

Bethany Church, San Francisco. — Mrs. La Mott reported on behalf of the Eastern Workers, 54 in number, a good year. Miss Palache reported 58 "Bethany Gleaners," 33 of whom are honorary members.

Fourth Church, San Francisco, had six delegates present, representing the Young People's Society, which is actively at work.

San Jose. — Mrs. Armstrong's visit to this Society was spoken of very appreciatively.

Saratoga. — A written report, read by Mrs. Warren, spoke with enthusiasm of Mrs. Cross as a leader in the foreign missionary cause.

Saticoy. — Mrs. Leavitt reports quarterly meetings held by the Ventura County Auxiliary during its one year of existence.

We have taken for consideration, one at a time, the missions connected with our Pacific Board.

POLLY PIMPKINS' PENITENCE BAG.

JUST what made me think of it was this: Mrs. Cruttenden (she that was the friend of my mother, long since with Jesus in heaven), sent me "Mrs. Pickett's Missionary Box." I said, Capital! That's my word, since Elder B. said we shouldn't say *splendid* so much, because it didn't mean anything as generally applied. A splendid missionary box! No; that wouldn't have done for a little four-sided affair, with an aperture at the top, smaller by far than the window in Noah's ark.

Now, Polly Pimpkins was an original piece of human clay; that is to say, she had ideas of her own, and strength of purpose enough to carry them out; which condition of things, in her

younger days, put her into many a tight box, which, with the boxes about her ears, gave her a great aversion to anything bearing the name. She would say when we wanted her to take a box at the missionary meeting, "That's too much like a secret society; don't amount to a great deal, only on parade days. I'll have a bag; that's scriptural, and a test of character." I confess to having said inwardly, "Judas," but I never argued with Polly. I knew it would be like casting pearls before diamonds: the flash of the diamond would put the pearls in the shade.

Polly was a great favorite, and her acquaintance was eagerly sought, which led to the discovery on her part that gossip entered into ordinary conversation much more largely than it ought. As she never met an evil which she did not try to crush, she at once began work upon this one, at *home*—the "Jerusalem" for every one of us; and the first *penitence bag* was put on record.

According to the sin was the deposit. If merely an insinuation of evil,—a penny; but if the word was spoken against the Lord's anointed, she put in a silver dollar. "For," said she, "in proportion as you lessen the influence of the minister, in that proportion do you lessen the power of the Word preached—humanly speaking." To her credit, be it said, but one dollar ever went into the bag on that account, and then it was when the pastor thought to have a lamb of his own, and all she said was, "Why couldn't he have married a *woman of experience*?" Now, Polly was a woman of experience. Could you blame her?

Let me tell you, Polly Pimpkins' bag was no *calico* curiosity; but made of the brightest ribbons, put together with fancy stitches, and tied, just as if it was meant to be seen. Over and over again she answered the question, "What is this little bag for?" Being a very practical woman, she occupied her spare moments in making a number of the little bags, always having one ready to give to any friend who seemed interested. Before the annual meeting of the Missionary Society, she invited all the bag-keepers to a little banquet of her own. They had a most delightful gathering, for, having schooled themselves not to gossip, they talked over missionary intelligence, made plans for future giving, told each other how God had blessed them in the "new departure," and ended with a real "close communion" prayer-meeting—a precious memory for all time, on account of the "Spirit's presence." So Polly Pimpkins' Penitence Bag resolved itself into that grand, sweet word,—CHARITY.—*Mary A. Woodworth, in "Helping Hand."*

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